# Student Involvement & Leadership

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**Student Involvement & Leadership**

The goal of the Student Involvement & Leadership (SIL) Department is to engage students in co-curricular and extracurricular experiences that enhance their collegiate experience. Meaningful involvement has been proven to strengthen students’ commitment to education, the institution, and their community. Furthermore, students who are actively engaged receive higher grades, transfer less, gain skills that lead to better jobs, obtain increased networking opportunities, have more friends, and are substantially more satisfied with their college experience.

The SIL Department is committed to training and advising the Dixie State University Student Association (DSUSA) leaders, the DSUSA Student Government Branches, the Applied Leadership Program, and the Spirit Squad (which includes Stampede, Cheer, Dance and the Mascot) on campus policy and procedure, and promoting involvement in an inclusive learning environment.

**DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (DSUSA)**

Every fee-paying student at Dixie State University is a member of DSUSA.

The Mission of DSUSA is to be an advocate for all current students and to provide them with a university experience by creating learning, social, and service opportunities. DSUSA also aims to foster school spirit, create unity, and craft a unique dixie culture by promoting established traditions while shaping new ones.

The leadership branches of DSUSA include the Executive Council, Academic Senate, Clubs & Organizations, Marketing, President’s Cabinet (which includes the Stampede student section), Service, and Student Life.

**Executive Council**

The Executive Council includes the Student Body President, Chief of Staff, Vice President of Academics, Vice President of Clubs & Organizations, Vice President of Marketing, Vice President of Service, and Vice President of Student Life.

**Academic Senate**

The Vice President of Academics and the Student Senate assist students in achieving academic pursuits. The Senate funds academic pursuits such as research and conference presentations. The delegation consists of student representatives from the seven major academic schools on campus. The Student Senate is a mouthpiece for students and advocates for the students’ collective academic interests at Dixie State University.

**Clubs & Organizations**

The Clubs & Organizations branch currently houses over 80 active clubs on campus. The Vice President of Clubs & Organizations and the respective club representatives collectively manage club funds, oversee club bylaws, distribute club merit monies, and support club growth. The Clubs & Organizations group serves many purposes including the cultural, intellectual, professional, recreational, service, and social needs of students.

Joining a club is the easiest and most personal way to get involved, meet other students, and truly enjoy your time at college. If there is not a club that interests you, it is easy to start your own.

**Marketing**

The mission of the Marketing branch is to empower the students at Dixie State with information that enhances their university experience. They accomplish this through the mastery of unparalleled advertising, design, and storytelling. Under the direction of the Vice President of Marketing, the branch has three marketing managers, two graphic designers, a social media manager, photo/video manager, and an administrative assistant.

**Service**

The Service Branch of DSUSA encourages lifelong learning and service by providing opportunities to serve on campus and within the community. The Vice President of Service and four Service Leaders make up the Service Council within the service branch. Together they seek opportunities that build upon core values of service, citizenship, diversity, ethics, and collaboration that create an enduring service-oriented mentality. The Service Council plans and organizes a major monthly service project, two large-scale Campus to Community service projects, and four Alternative Breaks service opportunities that coincide with Fall and Spring Breaks. Every week of the semester the Service Council provides service with at least one of our 13 community partners.
Stampede
The Stampede branch of DSUSA helps promote the ultimate fan experience for students at Dixie State athletic events! We cheer on the student-athletes by being loud, proud, and rowdy! Join the Stampede and maximize your time as a student here at DSU.

Student Life
The Student Life branch of DSUSA oversees activities and campus life under the direction of the Vice President of Student Life and three Event Directors. Student Life aims to maintain Dixie traditions such as Homecoming, D Week, carnivals, etc., while continually adding new and improved activities like the Foam Dance, concerts, and comedians. This branch plans and organizes at least one DSUSA event each week of Fall and Spring semesters.

To find out more information on DSUSA Student Government and student involvement, please visit our website (https://dixie.edu/thedixielife/) (following this link will take you out of the University Catalog).

Welcome Message from the 2020-2021 DSUSA President
Hey there! I’m so excited to be the first to welcome you to Dixie State University. I’m thrilled you chose Dixie as your destination for higher education. I’m Penny Mills, your Student Body President. I’m here to let you know a little bit about what makes Dixie so great and what it means to be a Trailblazer.

First off, we have a motto here at Dixie State which is “active learning, active life”. We stand by our belief that the more you get involved on and off campus, the greater your experience will be. Clubs, intramurals, Student Government, and student working opportunities are just a few examples of ways you can apply this mantra and take your learning to the next level. Make the most of your time here at Dixie State by getting involved which will allow you to broaden your horizons, expand your opportunities, and blaze a trail to your successful future.

Second, Dixie State University serves its community and students by offering the best education, experience, service, and tradition. In turn, we expect our faculty, staff, and students to uphold those same values by being examples and leaving a legacy for those who follow in their footsteps. This is what it means to be a Trailblazer: pursuing your goals and aspirations while helping others do the same. I believe as students we can always be doing more for ourselves and those around us, and as a result become a gold standard for what a unified D1 University looks like.

Lastly, I wanted to personally invite you all to come meet me; I want to hear from you! Please stop by my office on the second floor of the Gardner Student Center and let’s get to know each other over a box of Oreos and some peanut butter. I’m your advocate and I want to help you have the best experience possible! Blaze on Trailblazers!

Your Student Body President and friend,
Penny Mills